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Attn: Mail Stop Amendment

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 10/072,885; Filed: February 12, 2002
For: **Method, System, and Apparatus for Binary Traversal of a Tag
Population**
Inventors: SHANKS *et al.*
Our Ref: 1689.0210001

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Petition for Extension of Time Under 32 C.F.R. § 1.136(a);
2. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;
3. One (1) return postcard; and
4. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$450.00 to cover the Petition for Extension of Time.

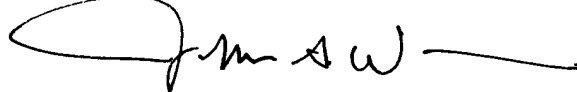
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Respectfully submitted,

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